

LIFESTYLES

McCollough - Bedsole wedding held October 10th

Amelia Louise Bedsole and Michael LaDon McCollough were united in marriage Sunday, Oct. 10, 1998, at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Elba Church of Christ.

Minister Keith L. Ellis of the Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise performed the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Nancy...X...Bedsole of Elba; Mrs. James Bedsole of Opp, and Mr. and Mrs. Mickey L. McCollough of Elba.

Grandparents of the groom are the late Mrs. Margaret B. Smith and the late Mr. J. Smith and the late Mr. and Mrs. Luke McCollough, all of Elba.

The entry doors of the church were marked with clusters of mixed flowers accented with candlelight bows. In the foyer, the registry table held the bride's book, plume pen, a mixed arrangement of flowers, and a framed copy of the couple's wedding invitation.

Mrs. Jeanne Burt of Dadeville and Miss Cindy Parker of Brownston presided at the bride's book. Brad Sullivan of Elba, nephew of the groom, provided guests with a wedding program as they entered the foyer.

Pews for the parents were marked with arrangements of mixed flowers and candlelight ribbon. Alternating pews were decorated along the center aisle with clusters of greenery and ribbon. A single candle was placed in the front left of the auditorium in honor of the bride's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Jessie G. Young, who was unable to attend the wedding.

A large arrangement of pink roses, larkspur, fiji mums, and asteroemerilles resting on a white Roman column was the focal point of the platform. Nine-branch candleabra trees filled with jade palm leaves were placed on each side of the platform. Two other nine-branch candleabra trees filled with jade palm leaves were placed on the floor on each side before the platform, along with ferns sitting on white pedestals.

Mr. Richard Bedsole, brother of the bride, Mr. LaDon McCollough, brother of the groom, both of Elba, began the ceremony by lighting the candles. Mr. Metz Barnes of Dothan sang "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" and Mr. Greg Wakefield of Dothan read a passage from I Corinthians 13. Violinist Daisy Dell Pollan and pianist Renola Smith, both of Dothan, provided music before and during the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, wore a white lace gown with a sweetheart neckline and appliques of Venetian lace and pearls along the short sleeves and fitted bodice. A row of miniature satin covered buttons adorned the center of the chapel-length train.

She wore a veil, made by the matron of honor, which flowed from a band of lace and pearls and was

trimmed in candlelight ribbon. Arranged in her bouquet was a mink-covered bow holding to her maternal grandmother.

Miss Veronica Stephenson of Enterprise served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Michelle Chick, Auburn; Mrs. Emily Goodman, Opelika; Mrs. Mandy Jecoat, Elba; Mrs. Whitney Long, St. Simon's Island, Ga.; Miss Melanie Martin and Miss Tara Miller, Woodstock, Ga.; Mrs. Kristin Newman, Jonesboro, Ga.; and Miss Krysti Owens, Atlanta, Ga.

The bridesmaids wore gown of white silk satin. The princess-style gowns featured a sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice, and floor-length skirt. Each Bridesmaid wore a single strand of pearls and matching earrings and carried bouquets of pink roses and caspia tied with sheer bows.

Miss Megan Sullivan of Elba, niece of the groom, served as flower girl. She wore an ivory tea-length dress with a scalloped collar lined in erca batting filled with pink roses and caspia tied with sheer bows.

Food tables were covered with white cloths and accented with three-arm silver candleabras. Foods served from the tables included miniature chicken salad pastry cups, cheese balls with crackers, barbecue sausages, cheese straws and fresh fruit, all prepared by friends and family members of the couple. Mrs. Karen Brandon, Brandon, Miss.; Mrs. Anna Lee Price, Enterprise; and Mrs. Mona Wise, Elba, served at the food tables.

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The mother of the groom wore a tea-length dress in teal green. The overlay of the dress was accented with gold buttons. Both mothers wore corsages of white rosebuds.

The groom's father served as his best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Mike Ammons, Mr. Ken Owens, Mr. Greg Parker, Mr. Stevie Sauls, Mr. Lance Lindell, all of Elba; Mr. David Ammons, Enterprise; and Mr. Stan Sauls, Millbrook.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. Judy McLain of Opp.

Reception

Following the ceremony, the bride's family hosted a reception in the fellowship hall of the church.

At the entrance, a table draped with a white cloth and ivy held various framed pictures of the couple. The area was decorated with ficus trees, ferns on white pedestals, and grapevine wreaths faced with ivy. Round tables covered with white cloths and adorned with hurricane lamps and ivory topiaries were placed in classrooms around the fellowship hall to provide seating for the guests.

Bouquets of roses in crystal vases were placed on tables throughout the reception area.

The bride's table was placed in front of white latice decorated with white tulle and ivy and was draped with an elegant embroidered white cloth. Centered on the table was a three-tiered wedding cake decorated with fresh flowers. A five-arm silver candleabra holding white tapers sat on one side of the cake. Silver

containers filled with mints and nuts were placed on the other side of the cake. Mrs. Alison Glenn Auburn and Mrs. Denise Sauls of Elba served at the bride's table.

The groom's table was centered in front of white latice adorned with burgundy tulle and was draped with an embroidered erca cloth. The groom's two-layered chocolate cake, decorated with fruit sat on one end of the table. A silver candleabra holding burgundy tapers and silver containers filled with chocolate cake were placed on the other end of the table. Mrs. Sandi Safford, Elba, sister of the groom and Miss Kelly McLain of Opp served at the groom's table.

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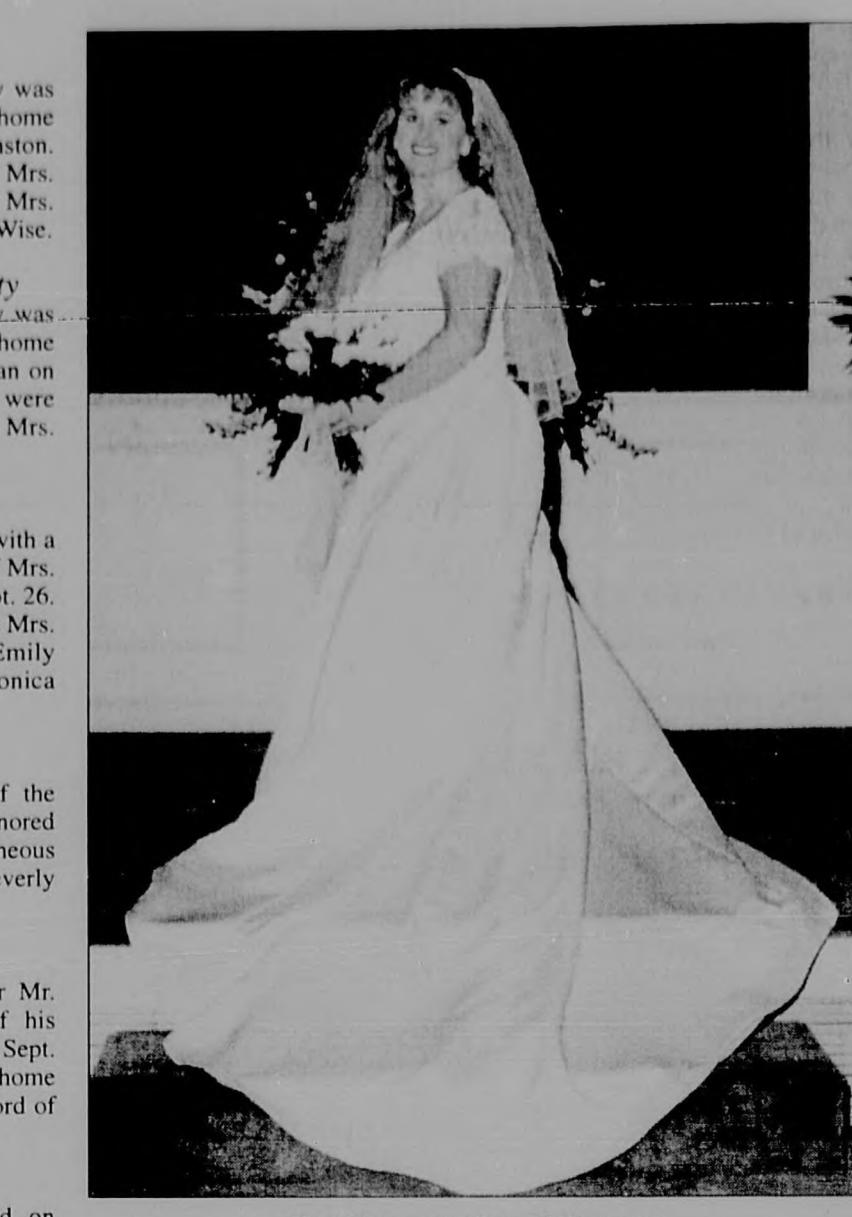
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Mrs. Michael LaDon McCollough

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Robert and Joy Kelley of Damascus request the honor of your presence at a 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration to be held on March 14 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center in New Brockton. No gifts please.

Miss March Pageant to be held March 7th

Come have fun with us! Miss March Pageant, March 7 at the Enterprise Civic Center. Judges score sheets and comment sheets will be available! For more information please call Teressa Dutton at (334) 347-2848. If no answer, leave a message.

Ron and Kim Miller of Elba would like to announce the birth of their son, Whitman Lloyd Miller, on Jan. 14, 1999 at 4:09 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 and 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Robert and Ann Miller and the late Hubert and Ann Whitman, all of Elba.

Whitman Lloyd was welcomed home by his 7-year-old sister, Hannah.

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Hobson Roberts



Hobson Roberts
celebrates 8th
birthday

Hobson Roberts of Chelsea, Ala., just celebrated his eighth birthday with a party at a skating rink with family and friends. Hobson is the son of Tate and Russ Roberts, and grandson of Connie Roberts of Eclectic and Charlotte and Richard Hobson of Elba. He has a brother, Aaron and two sisters, Tina and Mara.

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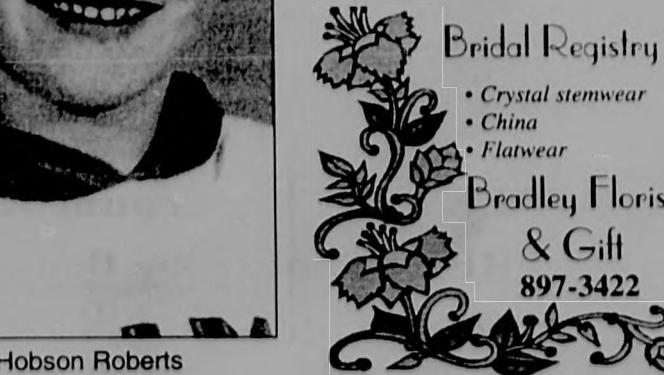
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"DanceTime" to be presented by Coffee County Arts Alliance

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents the third event of its 1998/1999 season, "DanceTime".

"DanceTime" is a fantasy journey through 500 years of dance punctuated with dialogue, song, and music of the times. It travels from the 15th Century to the 1990s and covers the globe from Italy, France and England to America.

"DanceTime" will be presented on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Enterprise High School Auditorium.

Tickets can be purchased at The Jewel Box in Elba; West Gate Book and Gift, The Framery, and Plain 'n Fancy in Enterprise, or the Fort Rucker TTR office.

Amelia Hobson celebrates 7th birthday

Amelia Hobson celebrated her 7th birthday recently at The Discovery Zone in Montgomery with family and friends. She is the daughter of Rich and Suzy Hobson, the granddaughter of Ed and Toby Cain of Enterprise and Richard and Charlotte Hobson of Elba. Amelia has a sister, Whitney.

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by: Deana Gilford

This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on **Emilee Benbow**. Emilee is an employee at Kelley's Barbecue where she serves as a waitress. She is the daughter of Gina and Jeff Benbow.

Emilee is a junior at Elba High School this year. She is an active member of Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Beta, SGA, the Journalism Staff, VICA, and Girl Scout Troop #300. In her free time, Emilee enjoys being with friends, working part-time, and spending time with her family.

After high school, Emilee plans to attend college as a pre-med student and then to transfer to medical school to become a pediatrician.

We are proud to shine this week's spotlight on Emilee Benbow.

Chi Alpha Mu Notes

by: Melissa Sanders

On Jan. 8, 1999, the Elba Chapter of Chi Alpha Mu met to discuss upcoming events for the club. President Wesley Kelley called the meeting to order. Mrs. King suggested a Valentine's Party be held at the next meeting. The members agreed to make preparations for the party. Mrs. King then asked the officers to volunteer to bring food along with other items to the party. After the party had been arranged, President Wesley dismissed the meeting.

On Feb. 3, the Elba Chi Alpha Mu chapter held their Valentine's Party. The members thoroughly enjoyed the party and would like to thank Mrs. King for the support she has given the club this year.

Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox
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Daniel Murdock
Editor

Thin: Deadly Obsession

by: Julie Roberson

It is every girl's dream. It seems like today's society can never be thin enough. It is often one of the main focus points in society today. Everywhere you look there is another skinny, beautiful model or this perfect Barbie Doll type on the TV station. Because of the publicity that is put on the way people look, many people including men, turn to drastic measures to lose large amounts of weight in short periods of time. Two of the most popular ways of losing weight are **Anorexia Nervosa** and **Bulimia Nervosa**.

Anorexia Nervosa is another deadly disease that results in an excessive weight loss. People suffering from **Anorexia** are afraid of becoming fat, so they avoid eating. At first this weight loss is not noticeable, but in a short time it becomes dramatic and threatens physical and emotional health. The result of **Anorexia** is that the digestion slows down and the person gets constipated. The person is always afraid because they have lost so much weight that they fear that the protective layer of fat that insulates them. People who suffer from eating disorders are trying to use food as a way to fill emotional needs such as love and belonging, or to ease loneliness. Also, 50% of the people suffering from **Anorexia** have struggled with another eating disorder at some time. It is estimated that one in two hundred fifty young women between the ages of twelve and eighteen have struggled with an eating disorder at some time. And five to ten percent of those who struggle with long-term **Anorexia** die from it. **Anorexia Nervosa** is a very serious disease that should not be taken lightly and victims should seek help immediately.

These two diseases are very serious and dangerous disorders that not only result in permanent physical damage to the body, but also death. Both of these diseases usually start out as a simple desire to lose a couple of pounds. However, a person suffering from either of these diseases can never be thin enough and every time they look in the mirror, they see themselves as fat, ugly people when they are really dangerously thin.

FBLA Encourages Everyone To Buckle-Up



Elba High School drivers were greeted in the school parking lot by some interesting characters on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Crash test dummies "Vince and Larry" were out patrolling the parking lot checking to see if the student drivers were wearing their seat belts.

The seat belt check was sponsored by FBLA as a service project for elementary and high school students to remind them of the importance of buckling up. Mr. "Chuck" Crawford, Highway Safety Coordinator with Southeast Alabama Emergency Medical Services Council, helped sponsor the project by furnishing the crash test dummies and by also speaking at the Future Business Leaders of America club meeting.

The students heard some alarming statistics regarding safety on our highways. According to Mr. Crawford, the citizens of Alabama

have a 1 in 3 chance of being in a serious to a fatal car crash in their lifetime. More disturbing was learn-

ing that teenagers between the ages of 16 and 17 have a 1 in 2 chance of being in a crash. Because of these statistics, Mr. Crawford emphasized the importance of wearing a seat belt as a means of protecting yourself if you are in an accident. The chances of surviving an accident increase by 50% if the occupants of the car are buckled in their seats.

After the club meeting, Mr. Crawford and the crash test dummies visited the elementary school where they discussed safety with the children. They also passed out pencils, pens, keychains and erasers as a reminder to buckle up. Mr. Crawford also spoke to the drivers education class and appeared on the student newscast, WEHS News.

The members of FBLA would like to thank Mr. Chuck Crawford for helping us make our seat belt service project a success. We would also like to remind everyone to buckle up!

Baseball Preview

by: Daniel Murdock

The 1999 Elba Varsity Baseball Team is coming off a successful season, and they are looking forward to rebuild a team that lost many key players due to graduation. The new players for this year's team include: Zel Daniels, freshman; Job Powers, sophomore; Josh Lawford, junior; Britt Gandy, senior; Brian Powers, sophomore; and O'Shea. The coaches are Derrick Duncan, senior, and Kent Mitchell, senior. The team is returning several players from last year which include: Brandon Salter, sophomore; Dustin Stinson, junior; Eric Jordan, senior; Adam Brookins, senior; Brad Holley, senior; Kevin Dodd, senior; Daniel Murdock, senior, and Josh Hodges, senior. The head coach is David Lowery and his assistants are Wynn Grimes and Marlon Johnson.

Coach Grimes said, "The team has been working really hard the past few weeks. We need some players to step up to the plate and if the hitting comes around as expected, then I would suspect that we should have another solid team."

The team is relatively young and they need the support from the student body as well as others throughout the community. Everyone is encouraged to come out and watch the Tigers play ball!

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Elba High School Receives ACTE Award

Elba Elementary School Menu March 8 - 12, 1999

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Cereal, Toast/Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Taco Salad, Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Turkey Wiggle, English Peas, Corn, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Butter Beans, Peach Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Fish Burger, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Apple Crisp, Milk
Friday - Chili w/Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk



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Pop Tab Program Helps McDonald House

by: Daniel Murdock

To most people a pop tab is just another little piece of aluminum. But to thousands of families across the country, they are a valuable resource. To understand why these pop tabs are so valuable, it helps to know a little bit more about the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald Houses.

For families in need, the Ronald McDonald Houses has been the "home-away-from-home." Each year, for more than 2,500 families throughout the world, "Let's go home" means home at one of the 182 Houses around the world. Ronald McDonald House is the only worldwide program that provides the comforts of home every day of the year for families of seriously ill children undergoing treatment at participating hospitals. It costs \$40.00 a night for a family to stay at the House. Families are only asked to make a suggested \$10.00 per night donation. However, no

family is ever turned away if they cannot make a donation. In fact only 30% of families who stay are able to make any contribution. Filling that gap is why the pop tab program began over ten years ago and has raised over \$750,000 nationwide.

Mrs. Grider's first grade class is diligently participating in this worthwhile program. Their motto is "you don't have to be big to be helpful," and their attitude and enthusiasm to their efforts. Their class is made up of only 15 students so they need full participation from the community. So the next time you pop open a can drink, think about the Ronald McDonald House and donate your tabs to the office of Elba High School or Elba Elementary School. Your donation will be well worth your effort as you will brighten the face of an elementary school student and help many others who are in need.

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SPORTS

Views from ...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

The girls in the Mularz family have always had a soft place in their hearts for pets, as is evident by the fact that we have one dog, one cat, one fish and one bird. The Mularz zoo grew even bigger last weekend when Melissa came home from a trip with Mom with two chicks. We put the baby chicks in an old bird cage that was barely big enough for a bird, but they are still chirping loudly and have already doubled in size. Maybe this weekend Dad will get some chicken wire and make 'em a cage that will last until we can figure out what to do with two "full-grown" chickens!"

ONCE OVER...NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY

*** The Elba Tigers have opened the 1999 baseball season, and made history Tuesday afternoon when they played their first game ever at the new field located on the Elba High campus. The area around the field still needs some work, but the field is as pretty as any around, and the dugouts and concession building are very attractive and make the entire complex something to be proud of. As the field ages and improvements are made to the entire area, the Elba Tiger field will be known as one of the best in this part of the state. This year's team appears a little weaker than usual, but games aren't won in the paper, and it will be up to the Tigers how many games they win, and if they make it to the playoffs. While the Tigers aren't blessed with many superstars, they are loaded with players that have played baseball all their lives, and that means something. I've got a feeling that the '99 Tigers are going to surprise some folks as the season rolls along.

The Elba Lady Tigers will open their season this afternoon down in Geneva. The Lady Tigers are in should be a good year. The Tide team returns five starters off last year's 20-win team, and the girls have experience that should pay dividends as the season rolls along. It may be hard to improve on last year's success; however, you can bet the girls will play as hard as they can in each and every game and never give up without a fight. One thing for sure, this bunch of girls will never accept losing and will leave everything they have on the field in every game they play.

*** The Elba Recreation Department closed out its Saturday youth basketball league season last week, with all games being played on the new carpeted playing surface in the department's gym. The installation of the carpet did cause some problems with the schedule; however, all the players eyes lit up last week when they saw the new surface and it was easy to see the kids were really proud of "their" gym. The department and gym are already something everyone is proud of, and even more improvements are planned for the near future. It is a building all of Elba can be proud of, not just the kids.

*** The Rec Department held tournaments last week in all divisions, and one division in which the tournament really brought out some excitement was in the Boys 8 and Under. The score was not kept on the board throughout the season; however, since a winner had to advance in the tournament, the scores were not kept in the winning categories. What had been the best division with the most fun suddenly became a level just below the NBA, and the entire attitude of everyone involved changed just because the fact the scoreboard was used. You can bet next season the scoreboard will not be used for any of the games in this age division, and the games will once again be just for the fun of the players.

*** It was reported in some of the daily newspapers last week that a proposal had been introduced to the Alabama High School Athletic Association that would ban the state's many "private" schools from participating in sports playoffs with the "public" schools across the state. The state has had an independent school association for many years, and the schools have been very successful in athletics, hosting district and state tournaments that were widely attended. On the other hand, over the past several years there have been more and more private schools across the state that have joined the high school athletic association and have been allowed to compete against the public schools. That would not be a problem if the private schools were not sending school zone students; however, the schools draw students from many areas, and are in some cases from the same states, and have in the smaller classifications become athletic powerhouses. I don't have a problem at all in a parent sending their children to a private school, especially if they believe their kids can receive a better education. After all, we do live in a free country and can choose where our kids attend school. The problem is that while schools such as Kinston and Zion Chapel have to draw from a school zone, other private schools with which they compete in athletics have no such school zones, and can "recruit" students to attend their schools. I am not saying that they recruit only athletes, because they probably also recruit students based upon academic excellence. The problem is that they can recruit, and that makes for an uneven playing field in athletics.

I have felt for many years that the simple solution to the ever-growing problem would be to establish a new "Class B" in the Alabama High School Athletic Association for all private schools. Let the bigger schools such as John C. Calhoun, UMS-Wright, Briarwood, Trinity, Montgomery Academy, Catholic, All Saints, Christ the King, St. Pauls compete in B1 and let the smaller schools like Baxley Academy, Hartselle, and Westbrook Christian compete in B2. The schools could compete against public schools during the regular season just like we do now, but while the playoffs roll around they would compete in their own classification, also just like the other school do now in 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A. This would allow the AHSAA to continue to police the schools as far as academic standards are concerned, and also allow the state to set the rules for the schools in athletics.

AHSAA director Dan Washburn was quoted last week as saying it would hurt the association to lose the 31 private schools that were now members. Under this plan the association would not lose any of its members, and might even steal some away from the independent school association. I urge the AHSAA officials to look at many plans that could solve the problem, and not just continue a policy that is not really fair to the majority of its members!

*** The various All-Star basketball teams from Elba will all be on the road this weekend to compete in District 6 tournaments. If you get a chance to watch 'em play please cheer 'em on and let the players and coaches know your support their efforts and dedication!



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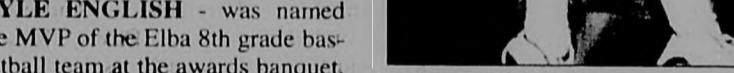
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BART BARNES received the Coach's Award from Coach Brian Weeks at the Elba Junior High Basketball Banquet. Submitted photo



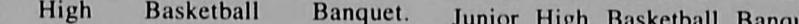
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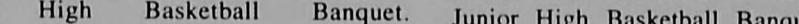
KYLE ENGLISH - was named the MVP of the Elba 8th grade basketball team at the awards banquet. English led the team in assists, free throw percentage, steals and was second in scoring. Submitted photo



JASON CURRAN was named Mr. Hustle at the Elba Junior High Basketball banquet. Submitted photo



MARCUS HENDERSON was named Team Captain by Coach Brian Weeks at the Elba Junior High Basketball Banquet. Submitted photo



TERRENCE KYLES was named the Chairman of the Boards by Coach Brian Weeks at the Elba Junior High Basketball Banquet. Submitted photo

Rattler 125 on March 6

Weekend of racing is set for March 6-7 at Kinston's South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chigun

The South Alabama Speedway will open its gates for the 1999 racing season with the 23rd annual Rattler 125 on Saturday and Sunday, March 6-7.

The weekend will kick off on Saturday with qualifying for Late Models, a 25-lap IMCA Modified Feature and the Rattler 125 Late Model spectacular, with a last chance race for Late Models, if needed.

Ten drivers indicated they would be ready to race this weekend. The Super Stock Class was the most competitive at SAS in '98, with a total of thirteen different drivers taking the checkered flag. Pure Stock features some of the hardest charging drivers to take to the track, while the Street Stocks have the largest field of cars and put on a very competitive show each and every week in '98, with twenty different winners.

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Youth baseball camp set for Elba's Legion Field on week of March 8-13

The first annual "Elba Baseball Camp" will be held on March 8-13, at the Legion Field baseball fields.

The camp will be divided into three divisions - Dixie Minor (ages 9-10), Dixie Youth (ages 11-12) and Dixie Boys (ages 13 and up), with 90 minutes of instruction to be given daily in all divisions, and two hours of instruction set for each division on the final day of the camp.

Each camp participant will be taught sound offensive and defensive skills, including hitting, field-

ing, throwing and base running. Fundamentals of pitching and catching will also be taught by Driggers, a former college pitcher, for those participants that request the special position instruction.

Registration forms are available at Elba schools and at the Elba Recreation center. For more information call Greg Hankey at 897-3701.

Teen minimum, and the league is open to all men ages 16 and up. This meeting is very important in that there must be enough interest shown to justify additional meet-

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***Happy Birthday: Cleva M. Davis, March 3; Warren Belcher and Juanita Belcher Brooks, March 5.

***Family and Friends Day was held Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at Legion Community Church, Elba, Ala.

Theme: The Way Up is Down. Those attending this annual Family and Friends Day and Black History program from Elba were: Evelyn Guley, Ernestine Kelley, Melissa Kelley, Bettye Refugee, Shirley Coleman, Grove and Erila Belcher.

***The 27th Annual Session of the Mulberry District Laymen's Convention will be March 19-20 in the Educational Building on Hwy. 84 in Elba. Officers are: Dea. J.L. Williams, president; Dea. Thomas Brooks, first vice president; B.W. Jones, 2nd vice president; Dea. Lester Barnett, secretary; Dea. Charles Henderson, corresponding secretary; Dea. James Woods, treasurer; Rev. J.G. Chatman, moderator.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History.

***Monthly Motivation: Positive anything is better than negative nothing. Loraine Hansberry, playwright and activist.

***African American History Calendar:



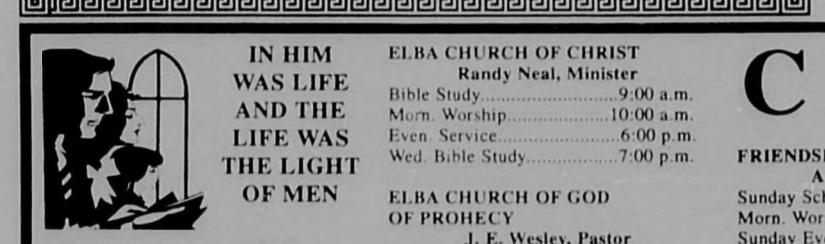
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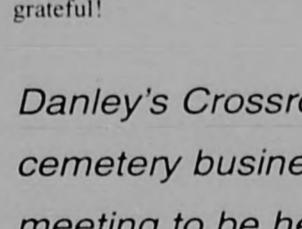
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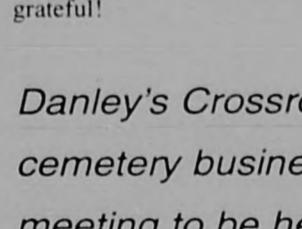
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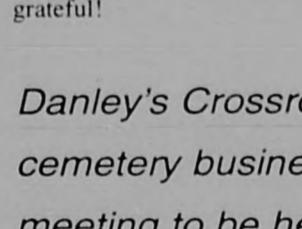
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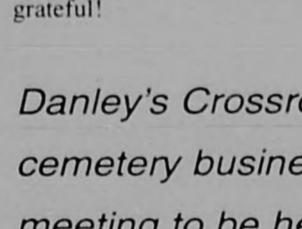
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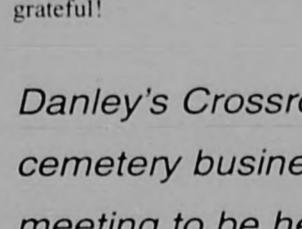
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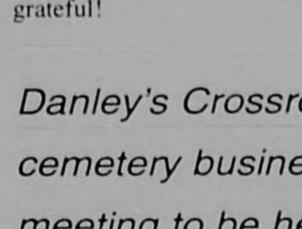
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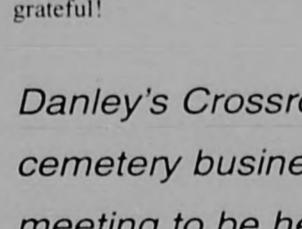
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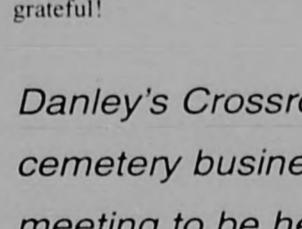
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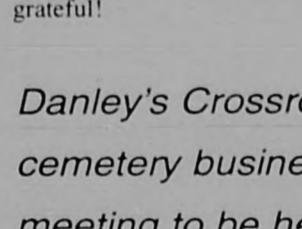
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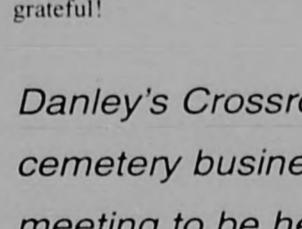
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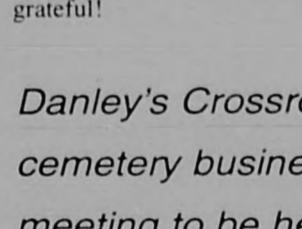
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